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LOCAL.—The City Councils have passed an order appointing "the Mayor, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Common Council, a committee to wait upon the military authorities, to effect an arrangement by which the members of the different fire companies may be enabled to work their engines without molestation from the military."—The store of Mr. Fowler, corner of Fairfax and Wolfe streets, was robbed yesterday by two men dressed in citizen's clothes, of fifty dollars in money.—The weather continues most delightful; Indian summer "in all its glory."—Whisky is contraband, and yet several men, very drunk, were seen staggering about the streets yesterday.—Organ grinders, the telescope show, &c., have again appeared in the streets.—John B. Withers (who formerly resided here), in the Confederate army, was captured lately near Warrenton, and is now a prisoner on parole.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Persons who, after reading the Gazette every afternoon, take it away from the store of the writer, are requested to let it remain, as he files it for preservation. (King street.) A. B.

A report has been made by Captain Dunham, U. S. A., in command of an expedition in the lower counties of Maryland, to stop smuggling and the conveyance of goods across the river Potomac, in which he gives a detailed account of his operations and the captures he has made. He recommends an increase of the number of soldiers at Chapel Point; a patrol of the river shore from Fort Washington to the mouth of the river;—the seizure of all boats on the river not in government service, and a strict search of all the village post offices. He says he believes all the merchants in the lower counties have been concerned directly or indirectly in smuggling goods into Virginia.

The publication of the Marlboro' Gazette has been resumed. Mr. Wilson, the editor, gives a good humored account of his late difficulties with the military authorities.

Mr. Cobden, in a recent speech in England, came out most decidedly against any interference in American affairs.

We received to-day, "all in a bunch," the Wheeling papers, from the 6th to the 12th instant.

The price of shaving—literally—has been raised in Philadelphia.

The U. S. soldiers lately quartered at Marlboro', Md., have left that place.

Gold in New York, yesterday, 131½.

A party of eight men, arrived in Baltimore, yesterday, and were arrested as a gang of supposed pick pockets. It turned out that two of the party were proprietors of public houses in New York, who had taken the other six to Camp Curtin with a view of offering them as substitutes, but finding that the rates there were very low, concluded to try their chances at Camp Bradford. Under these circumstances the persons were all released from custody.

Col. Robinson, has sent to Washington, Patrick Kehoe, residing near Bull Run railroad bridge, charged with assisting in the obstruction of the railroad track on the occasion when the Confederates, not long since, captured a wood train in the vicinity of his residence. Also R. H. Powell and James Blackstone, prisoners of war, recently captured. They were sent to the Old Capitol prison.

Wm. Anderson, belonging to the U. S. schooner T. A. Ward, killed Michael Cauley, on the night of the 4th instant, by running him through with a bayonet, while on duty on shore near Smith's Creek, St. Mary's county, Md. Anderson made an ineffectual attempt to escape, but is now in irons on board the T. A. Ward.

The recent destruction by fire of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, in Brooklyn, has awakened much apprehension in New York as to the safety of buildings heated by hot air.—It is now proven beyond doubt that the fire in the above institution was caused by the heater coming in contact with the wood work surrounding it. The Brooklyn Board of education, at their meeting, had a spirited debate on the subject, but no definite action was taken.

The N. Y. Tribune, of yesterday, discusses "emancipation as a war measure," and declares:—"The president has decided not to repeat the error of the year now closing, in the prosecution of the struggle against the slave holders' rebellion through the campaign now opening. There is to be no more forcing of loyal persons back into slavery to notorious, malignant traitors. Any Union officer who runs counter to law and the express requirements of the President's Proclamation on this head will forfeit his commission." And more of the same kind.

A small panic has been produced in New York among the holders of postage stamps, as currency, by a notification from the city railroad companies that on and after Saturday next, they will refuse to take them in payment of fares. Some of the large restaurants in the lower part of the city gave a similar notice to their customers, and hence there is anxiety on all hands to get rid of the "sticking plasters."

On Wednesday a convention of lager-beer brewers met in New York city. They were from New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Reading, and Albany.—The object of the convention, was for devising means for mutual protection against the operations of the new Tax bill.

Wm Becket, R. Hoxter, M. Gersh, A. P. Robinson, John Benson, and Edward Wilson, arrested by the Freeborn, while crossing from Virginia to Maryland, have been sent to the Old Capitol prison.

The account of an iron clad vessel having, last week, run the blockade at Charleston, is doubted in some quarters.

Gen. McClellan has arrived at Trenton.

A man has been arrested in Washington, charged with robbing the store of Duvall & Brother.

There is again talk about negotiations for a U. S. government loan in Europe.

The northern papers say there is a new rank of aristocracy springing up in the country known as the "Green Backs Aristocracy." The "Green Backs" are that new order of parvenue, who have risen and flourish upon contracts, jobs, Treasury notes, etc., etc. They figure now magnificently on all sides, and with perfect abandon, purchase, and flourish, diamonds, silks, satins, laces, equipages, etc.

All the public stores have been removed from the crypt or basement of the Rotunda of the Capitol. Access to the dome is for the present denied. Workmen are engaged raising immense shears and other machinery whereby the marble monolithic columns may be elevated to their proper places on the east side of the Senate wing of the Capitol.

An inquest was recently held in London on the body of a little girl, who had been given some artificial grapes by a playmate, and died from placing them in her mouth. The physician who made the post mortem examination stated in evidence that he had caused to be analyzed some of the grapes, of which a portion was green and others blue; the former contained arsenite of copper—a deadly poison—and the latter cobalt, which was not poisonous in small doses. Ten of the green grapes yielded three grains of arsenite of copper, and these undoubtedly caused the child's death. It is well known that much of the coloring matter used in the manufacture of artificial flowers is extracted from deadly poisons.

Gen. Pope, it is expected, will be summoned to Washington, in a few days, when the public may look out for curious developments.

General McClellan did not appear in public at Trenton, yesterday, but kept the house all day,—owing to the inclemency of the weather. To-day, however, he will exchange congratulations with his fellow-citizens, and receive the delegations from Philadelphia and New York.

The will of ex-President Van Buren has been admitted to probate at Hudson. It is dated January 18th, 1860, and commences as follows:

"I, Martin Van Buren, of the town of Kinderhook, county of Columbia, State of New York, heretofore Governor of the State, and more recently President of the United States, but for the last and happiest year of my life a farmer in my native town, do make and declare the following to be my last will and testament," &c.